

apples and oranges. It's like saying we funded a 3 percent salary increase for University of Nebraska faculty members so we shouldn't do anything for custodians at Wayne State College. I mean the two are almost that radically extreme. Another thing that has been...and I'd like a little attention on this because this is a little thing that has been filtering around the floor and I'd like to address it. There are those who have suggested that gosh, they like this idea, but, doggone, old LB 784 is not the bill to do it on. Why don't you do it on LB 130, Senator Withem? Well, I'm a pretty malleable sort of a guy and I go along with the system fairly well and on General File when we tried to put an amendment on LB 780 the argument was, Ron, you know this isn't such a bad idea, but it really shouldn't go on this bill, you ought to put it on the trailer bill. That is what the trailer bill is for, wait for 784 to come up, Ron. So, on Select File I listened to that, didn't file it on 780, waited for 784 to come up so we're putting the amendment up on this place. I guess I would submit, it doesn't make a nickel's worth of difference what bill it is in. If it is an A bill on its own, if it's in 780, if it's in 784, it's the right and just place to do it. Again, I could repeat my article, my argument on the property taxes. This is an additional cut that the Appropriations Committee is recommending. It is not a...we are not increasing over current appropriations, this is just hold harmless and I'd also like to make the argument that what I am asking you to do at this point is put state aid to education back in your list of choices. We're not done making choices. We've got a lot of choices to make, both in what we fund in the exemption bills that Senator Warner has mentioned, both in what we pass in terms of A bills...

SENATOR LABEDZ: One minute, Senator Withem.

SENATOR WITHEM: ...that accompany other bills, in terms of what we leave in or take out of the appropriations bills and also in what the Governor sends back to us. We're in that sort of situation where we've got a lot of choices. I think we deserve to put the cause of public education, public school education within that list of choices and I urge you to support this amendment. I would suggest also for time-saving, a call of the house and a roll call vote.

SENATOR LABEDZ: A call of the house has been requested. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 19 ayes, 1 nays to go under call, Madam President.